

**Vasquez Blvd/I70 Superfund Site, Denver, CO January 2004 Update.**

In 2003, soil cleanup was completed on 133 properties at the Vasquez Blvd/I70 (VB/I70) Superfund Site. Soil cleanup consists of the removal of 12 inches of soil with elevated levels of lead and/or arsenic. The cleanup levels established for lead and arsenic at this site are 400 ppm and 70 ppm, respectively. Residential yards are landscaped to a condition similar to that which existed prior to soil removal.

In 2004, EPA has budgeted \$8.0 million to continue the remedial action at Operable Unit 1, residential properties. With these funds, EPA is planning to complete soil removal on an additional 300 properties, conduct exterior lead base paint abatement necessary to protect the soil removal remedy, sample properties which had not been previously evaluated for lead and arsenic soil levels, and implement the Community Health Program. Work will begin after funding is made available and the State Superfund Contract is signed by EPA and the State of Colorado. The State of Colorado is currently reviewing this contract.

Also in 2004, EPA will continue work at Operable Units 2 and 3, the Omaha & Grant Smelter Site and the Argo Smelter Site, respectively. At Operable Unit 2, \$100,000 was budgeted from the ASARCO national settlement fund to continue work on the Remedial Investigation. This work is being conducted by ASARCO under an Administrative Order on Consent (EPA Docket No. CERCLA-08-2001-13). At Operable Unit 3, EPA has budgeted \$100,000 to complete the Remedial Investigation, Risk Assessment and Feasibility Study.

EPA is planning to complete all remedial actions at this site in 2006. **Contact: Victor Ketellapper, 8EPR-SR, 303-312-6578.**

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